

## **LIEUTENANT GENERAL RICK LYNCH**

**Commanding General  
III Armored Corps and Fort Hood  
Fort Hood, Texas**



Lieutenant General Lynch assumed command of III Armored Corps and Fort Hood, Fort Hood Texas on 18 July 2008.

Lieutenant General Lynch is a graduate of the United States Military Academy where he was commissioned as a Regular Army Engineer Officer. As an engineer, he commanded both a combat engineer company and a mobile assault bridge company. General Lynch later branch transferred to Armor. As an armor field grade officer, Lieutenant General Lynch was assigned to 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment where he served as S3 (Operations) for the 1st Squadron and later as the Regimental Executive Officer.

Lieutenant General Lynch commanded 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment (Mustangs), 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas. Upon graduation from the United States Army War College, he commanded the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized). After brigade command he was assigned to the Joint Advanced Warfighting Program (Joint Staff) where he worked joint concept development and joint experimentation.

Lieutenant General Lynch attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he obtained a Masters degree in Mechanical Engineering focusing on Robotics. He used that education as the Robotics Project Officer in the Directorate of Combat Development at the Armor Center and later as the Armor Center's Chief of Force Development.

Lieutenant General Lynch's flag assignments include Assistant Division Commander (Support), 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Hood, Texas and Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, later Chief of Staff, Kosovo Force (KFOR). He also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Allied Joint Force Command-Naples. While in this NATO command, MG Lynch commanded the Deployable Joint Task Force (DJTF) of the NATO Response Force. Lieutenant General Lynch was then assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Effects for the Multinational Force Iraq (MNF-I) and the MNF-I spokesman.

Lieutenant General Lynch's most recent assignment was as the Commanding General, Third Infantry Division (Mechanized) and Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield. Lieutenant General Lynch deployed the Division as part of the Presidential "surge" and assumed the Southern Baghdad Area of Operations as Multi-National Division-Center on 1 April 2007.

Lieutenant General Lynch's awards and decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), and Army Achievement Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster). He has also been awarded the Parachutist's Badge and the Joint Chiefs of Staff Identification Badge.

Lieutenant General Lynch was born and raised in Hamilton, Ohio but has spent the majority of his adult life in Texas. His hobbies and interests include weight lifting and golf.